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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2006, Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration of this application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit any fees to Bracewell & Giuliani LLP, Deposit Account No. 50-0259 (081421.000002).